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*Colby School News Issue 24: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024*  
*The Week Ahead*

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (Active Norfolk). Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Yr3/4 dodgeball competition for selected pupils at Cromer Academy leaving at 9am – please remember packed lunches. KS2 Handball Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (Active Norfolk). Silent Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Girls' Football Club with Hannah B and Miss Buttifant 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS1 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club for selected pupils at 8am. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) PLEASE BRING WATERPROOF COATS / WARM PE KIT KS2 Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** After School Club Special – Football themed. 3 – 5pm. £5. Fundraiser for new football goals and sport equipment. Suitable for all children and will include sport themed art activities / games, as well as footie! PLEASE BOOK A PLACE ON PARENT PAY BY FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024 IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND. It is listed as “After School Football-themed Special” on the Payment Item tab.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** School closes at 3pm for Easter break. After School Club available as usual today until 5pm (change of plan from a previous newsletter which said it was cancelled).

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens for Summer Term.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Internet Safety / Life Skills parent session at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for May Bank Holiday.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** National Tests for Year 6 pupils.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Reception pupils Vision and Hearing Screening.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May:** School closed for Summer Half Term.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** School reopens for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** School photographer visiting to take individual, family and class photos.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024:** Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



## ECO Club fundraiser

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Eco Club organised a sale to raise money for the RSPCA. They raised a fantastic **£50**. Thank you to everyone who arranged the sale and bought items to raise money.



## Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We have had lots of fun at school today, laughing at our crazy hair! Thank you for your support of this silly event! Year 6 children enjoyed giving Mr Frost a new hairstyle on the playground this morning, with children and parents having a giggle about it. We sold rubbers, friendship bracelets and cakes at break-time, raising a fantastic **£89.55!** Thank you for your support of our Red Nose Day fun.



### **Headteacher Awards**

**Charlie S (Amber)** for super science writing

**Milo, JP and Quinn (Sapphire)** for being so kind and helpful

**Otto (Emerald)** for great reading

**Lucas (Emerald)** for fantastic maths

**Bertie, Izzy and William (Emerald)**

for sharing great understanding of Ramadan during Assembly

**Arwen (Amber)** for amazing independent writing

**Mia and Orin (Amber)** for great contributions in assembly with Mr Frost

**Anya (Amber)** for focusing well and joining in

**To all of Amber and Sapphire class** for their hard work in a live online science lesson

**Florence (Amber)** for always listening beautifully

**Sophie, Harper, Hollie, Orla, Brooke, Evie, Etta, Kit, Alannah, Arthur, Anya, Louis, Felix, Archie L and Charlie D (Amber)**

for amazing concentration

**Max, Alfie, Orin and Ellie (Amber)** for lovely writing on a line

**Blake (Ruby)** for passing the European times tables challenge

**Imogen (Ruby)** for super spellings

**Imogen and Ellen (Ruby)** for great DT

**Ophelia (Amethyst)** for thinking of landscaping in the Arts

**Bella (Amethyst)** for a good explanation in RE

**Violet (Amethyst)** for remembering spelling “amazingly”

**Florence (Amethyst)** for writing a Leavers’ song

**Rufus (Amethyst)** for great English

**Elsie and Sofia (Amethyst)** for super maths

**Poppy (Sapphire)**

for super independent writing about her pet cat

**Leo and JP (Sapphire)**

for awesome tricky maths challenge on halving numbers

**Seb S and Hugo (Sapphire)**

for donating a series of brilliant books to our class

**Leo and Verity (Sapphire)**

for great pronunciation of phonemes

**Olive (Sapphire)**

for a good sentence using her phonics

**JP (Sapphire)**

for joining a whole word beautifully with a ‘ng’ in it

**Leo and Felix (Sapphire)**

for participating in the Eco Club Sale with really helpful addition skills!

**Imogen and Dylan (Ruby)** for super organisation of Eco Club sale

**Izzy, Florence and Ophelia (Amethyst)**

for accurate interpretation of complicated graphs and charts



## Letter from Norfolk County Council regarding Flourish Questionnaire for children in Year 4, 5 and 6

### **Flourish Survey: Helping Norfolk's Children and Young People to feel understood**

We are pleased to inform you that your school, along with others in the County, has agreed to take part in this year's Flourish Survey. Colby School has been invited to take part in the survey to support the work of Norfolk County Council (NCC) and their partner organisations of the Children and Young People Strategic Alliance (CYP SA).

The Flourish Survey is an important opportunity for Colby School to give their students a platform to have their voices heard across a wide range of topics from their lives. This insight will not only benefit and inform the decision making of NCC and CYP SA but also be of great value to your school, students, and wider community.

The Flourish Survey is a comprehensive set of mostly multi-choice questions for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children to answer directly with their views and feelings. The survey will be run by SHEU, a specialist national company who has been undertaking surveys in schools for over 40 years. Over 3000 schools have used SHEU, with many of them regularly repeating surveys with them.

The questions will cover the topics of the Flourish ambition for CYP in Norfolk:

**F**riends and Family, **L**earning, **O**ppportunity, **U**nderstood, **R**esilience, **I**ndividual, **S**afe & Secure and **H**Health. Click this link to learn more about the [Flourish ambition](#) or find further information at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourish](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourish)

The unique insight gained from students at Colby School completing the survey can benefit the school in a number of ways including:

- providing an indication of current student wellbeing, empowering your school to better meet their needs and aspirations
- informing curriculum decisions – identifying gaps in the current offer to students in terms of knowledge and need
- providing evidence for OFSTED and your Governing Board around personal development, behaviour and welfare, demonstrating a proactive approach
- informing training needs for your staff and as a starting point for wider discussions with Governors and your school community

For your students, benefits include:

- an opportunity to take part in active citizenship – lending their voice to a project that will inform decisions being made in many aspects of their own and their peers' lives.
- feeling listened to and understood by the adults supporting them, around what they want and need.
- having a positive influence on your school and wider community.
- enjoying a chance to do something a little different from their everyday school routine.



## **Letter from Norfolk County Council regarding Flourish Questionnaire Contd. Flourish Survey: Helping Norfolk's Children and Young People to feel understood.**

The results of the survey will provide your school with a completely confidential report summarising the behaviours and perceptions of your students, benchmarked against the wider County picture. Please note that individual students will have **complete anonymity** when completing the survey and will not be identifiable from the data in the report. Students may also leave out any questions that they feel uncomfortable answering and will be fully supported by your staff throughout the process.

Norfolk County Council and CYP SA will receive only summary data in which neither individual children and young people or schools are identified.

We hope that you are happy for your child/ren to take part in this questionnaire. If you have further questions or wish to see a copy of the questionnaire or for your child to opt out of this, please contact your school's Headteacher. Further information can be found at [Flourish Survey FAQs](#)

### **From Norfolk County Council**



#### **Absence from school due to illness**

I've had some queries about absence from school recently, so I thought it would be useful to repeat the information below which was sent out a while ago. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

For minor illnesses such as sore throats and colds, it is often possible for children to come to school and continue their learning without risking infection of others. In fact, children often feel better once they have got up and come to school. We continue to remind children about hand-washing and tissue hygiene so the risk to others is small and enables children to build up immunity. Of course, we do not expect children with serious colds and coughs to come to school and you must do what you think is right for your child. If you are unsure, you can send your child in to see how they get on – we can always telephone you if they take a turn for the worse. We would much prefer this approach than you keeping a child off from school at the first sign of a sniffle. Missing school is highly disruptive to your child's education and also has an effect on the whole class because teaching time is required to help your child catch up. If you have kept your child off from school and they feel better during the day, they can come in to school at any time. Please don't think that because they have been off at the start of the day that you can't drop them off later.



### **Absence from school due to illness contd.**

Occasionally children suffer from sickness and we follow health care guidance to try to avoid bugs spreading. If children have a sickness bug we ask that they are kept away from school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick, to ensure they are fully recovered. Again, please use your judgement regarding this – one parent joked with me that their child had been sick due to too much cake – this does not require 48 hours off school!

Children often feel queasy when they know their friends have been sick – some of you are probably feeling queasy just because you are reading this! Of course, if your child has been sick they should be kept off school for 48 hours. However, if you think the sickness was not caused by a bug you might want to ask me about your child attending school. If your child feels queasy you may want to consider if this is related to tiredness, being worried about getting ill etc. This is easier to judge for parents of Key Stage 2 children because you will have more experience of their illnesses. If in doubt, please ask.

If your child is well enough to attend school they should do so on any day of the week – don't keep them off on a Friday just because the weekend is coming. Similarly, although our curriculum may become more creative in the final stages of term, every day of your child's education is precious – academically or socially.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or suggestions regarding the ways we keep your children safe and healthy in school.

*Christine Mead*